

precipitating the first solution by adding glycine to the first solution to produce a third precipitate and a third supernatant;

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dissolving the third precipitate in a buffer to produce a second solution; and

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precipitating the second solution by adding ammonium sulfate to the second solution to produce a third precipitate and a third supernatant.

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17. (Amended) A method according to claim 16, wherein the lipid rich component is separated from the third supernatant.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of these claims accompanies this amendment.

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33. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein the third supernatant comprises a lipid rich layer.

34. (New) A method according to claim 33, wherein the third supernatant is further treated to produce a lipid rich component.

REMARKS

In response to the April 23, 2001, written restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-17) with traverse.

With respect to the restriction between Groups I, II and III, applicant submits that the subject matter of these groups are closely related, and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. There are two criteria for restriction, namely, (1) the invention must be